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1. A meeting of leading Burma Communist Party (BCP) members took place at Pyn (96-26; 18-29), 36 miles south of Toungoo. Members of the BCP Politbureau, the Control Commission, and leading zonal organizers attended.

2. Thakin BA THEIN TIN,\* of the Party Politbureau, reviewed Communist policy in the Far East and stated that the imperialists could not be defeated by cold war methods alone. Consequently armed action must be resorted to. BA THEIN TIN condemned the Thakin NU Government for entering into discussions with the Western Powers for the provision of military and air bases by Burma. He particularly attacked the current discussions in Ceylon,\*\* adding that it was obvious that when these agreements were completed the forces of revolution in Asia would have been destroyed.

3. The BCP had therefore decided to adopt the following measures:

- Raise one full strength battalion in each district to form a "Red Army."
- Organize village protection forces.
- Complete both these tasks within three months.

4. When all the battalions have been raised the BCP will prepare reports for comparison with those of the Chinese liaison officers attached to the Party.\*\*\* Arms and ammunition reported to be already on the Burma-China border will then be supplied by the Chinese to the BCP according to the existing tactical situation.\*\*\*

\* Comment. For recent activities of BA THEIN TIN in Tavoy District

\*\* Comment. The allusion is almost certainly to the Colombo Conference of 12-24 February 1951 on economic aid for undeveloped areas of South Asia.

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\*\*\* Comment. For the names of two of these officers see

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\*\*\*\* a\* reported the agreement between the Chinese Communists and the BCP for arms aid.

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